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GAFFALIONE CLOSING ON LEADING RIDER TITLE

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, June 27, 2020) – With two days remaining in the 27-day Spring Meet at Churchill Downs, 25-year-old **Tyler Gaffalione** is well on track to his second leading rider title at Churchill Downs with an eight-win cushion over 19-time local leader **Corey Lanerie** (30-to-22) in the jockey standings.

Gaffalione, a native of South Florida, began riding fulltime at Churchill Downs during the 2018 Fall Meet and won the leading rider title by one victory over **Brian Hernandez Jr.** and Lanerie. Represented by **Matt Muzikar**, Gaffalione's win-clip was a stout 21 percent prior to Saturday's 11-race program where he was named to ride eight races.

"We've been so blessed to have such a successful meet," Gaffalione said. "I can't thank everyone enough for their support throughout the meet. It's been an awesome two months and it was great to get back to Churchill."

Some of Gaffalione's notable winners included a comeback allowance victory aboard multiple Grade I-winner **Guarana** in an allowance event on June 4; a 1 ½-length allowance score aboard likely Blue Grass Stakes (GII) contender **Man in the Can**; and a one-length win aboard **Field Pass** in the \$100,000 Audubon Stakes. Gaffalione is scheduled to ride at Saratoga over the summer before returning to Kentucky for the September and Fall Meet.

In the race for the Spring Meet's trainer and owner title, **Brad Cox** began Saturday with a 15-12 win margin over **Steve Asmussen** while **Ken and Sarah Ramsey** had a one-win lead, 4-to-3, over **Calumet Farm, Maggi Moss, Steve Landers Racing, Wayne Sanders and Larry Hirsch and Gary and Mary West**.

Racing will conclude on Sunday with a nine-race program and a first post of 1 p.m. There will be a mandatory payout for all exotic wagers including the Single 6 Jackpot, which stood at \$33,382 at the start of racing on Saturday. For free past performances, visit www.churchilldowns.com/handicapping.

TV SCHEDULE THIS WEEK – The racing action from Churchill Downs Racetrack throughout the 2020 Spring Meet will be broadcast on FOX Sports' "America's Day at the Races," which will air every race day on either FS1 or FS2. Along with the Fox Sports coverage, racing on Saturday from Churchill Downs will air from 5-6 p.m. on NBC.

Saturday, June 27

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (FS2)
3:00 – 7:00 p.m. (FS1)
5:00 – 6:00 p.m. (NBC)
1:00 – 7:00 p.m. (MSG+)

Sunday, June 28

1:00 – 6:00 p.m. (FS2)
1:00 – 6:00 p.m. (MSG+)
3:00 – 6:00 p.m. (FOX Sports Ohio)

BELMONT STAKES WINNER TIZ THE LAW EARLY 9-5 FUTURE WAGER FAVORITE – Through the first day of wagering in Pool 5 of the **Kentucky Derby Future Wager**, Sackatoga Stable's \$1 million Belmont Stakes (Grade I) winner **Tiz the Law** has been bet down to the solid 9-5 favorite for the three-day pool which closes Sunday at 6 p.m.

Tiz the Law, the multiple Grade I-winning son of Constitution, reaffirmed his status as the early Kentucky Derby favorite with his victory in last Saturday's 1 1/8-mile Belmont Stakes, the kickoff leg to this year's rescheduled Triple Crown series. Trained by **Barclay Tagg**, Tiz the Law took strong attention in all four previous pools of the KDFW closing at odds of 11-1, 8-1, 7-1 and 5-1, respectively. Tiz the Law is expected to have one final prep prior to the Kentucky Derby in the \$1 million Travers (GI) on Aug. 8 at Saratoga.

For more information and real-time odds, visit www.kentuckyderby.com/futurewager.

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